PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American National Red Cross was established officially by the Congress of the United States and operates under government grant of authority, yet receives its support solely from the voluntary contributions and efforts of the American people, and

WHEREAS, this charter imposes specific duties and responsibilities upon the Red Cross in providing welfare services for the armed forces, veterans and their families, and in meeting the needs of families suffering from disasters, and

WHEREAS, the American National Red Cross, working with the eighty-five nation League of Red Cross Societies, helps alleviate human suffering caused by disasters or disease throughout South Dakota, the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, in communities across this nation more than two million Red Cross volunteers help their neighbors with youth services, the blood program, first aid and water safety, nursing services and other humanitarian activities, and

WHEREAS, throughout its more than 80 years of varied and commendable services in our state and nation, the Red Cross has earned the respect and gratitude of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I. ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate March 1962 as

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throughout South Dakota; and I urge all our citizens to support the Red Cross in its local, national and international missions of mercy.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 27 day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Essie Wiedenman Secretary of State